

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF *CG*

ROKOSCH *GR*

THOMPSON *AT*

CHILCOTT *TC*

DRISCOLL *DR*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....July 7, 2008

Members Present.....Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,
Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met to discuss and make a decision on paying for a temporary easement in order to allow travel for the residents while the Kootenai Creek Bridge is being replaced. Discussion included the necessity to have an easement for the vehicles and not having a proper formula for coming up with a fee for easements. The Commissioners concurred they did not want to pay for the temporary easement but understood the necessity to pay for this easement to the Brown and Coston landowners in order to move forward with the bridge construction. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to pay \$7,500 for the temporary easement to the Browns and Costons and determine where to take the money from after visiting with the Internal Auditor and Road Supervisor. Commissioner Thompson seconded and all voted "aye."**

► In other business the Board met for various administrative matters which included the following:

- Emergency Facilities and Land Use at airport – Airport Manager Page Gough brought forth the proposed agreement from the Forest Service. Page stated this is an annual agreement for the SEAT base and ramp facility for emergency operations during a fire season. The fee is based upon the actual use on a monthly fee. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve of this agreement with the Forest Service. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**
- Page also gave an update on the fuel spill at the airport that occurred last week. The FBO who is responsible for this spill will be working with an engineer and DEQ for clean up and monitoring.

- The Board met with Public Health Nurse Judy Griffith to discuss Dr. Ashcraft who has volunteered for many years as the Medical Director to the Public Health Office. Judy explained the Medical Director serves in a different capacity than the Health Officer to the County and he has never accepted any reimbursement for his services. The Medical Director oversees the charts on a quarterly basis and gives direction and advice to the services in public health. The Board concurred that a plaque and small gathering should be done to thank Dr. Ashcraft for these services.
- Judy also noted the WIC Office has a small amount of money (one hundred dollars) left over in a special project line item, and they would like to donate those monies to plant a garden which will enhance the looks of the courthouse entrance. The Board felt this would be a nice addition.

► Commissioner Thompson participated in a conference call with the Department of Transportation.

► The Board reviewed the applicants for the weed board. One position is open due to a resignation by Dan Dunagan. Present at this meeting was Weed Supervisor Kellieann Morris. Two applications were received:

1. Travis Martinez and
2. Randy Maxwell

The Board reviewed the applications and decided to interview the applicants. Glenda will set these meetings up with the two applicants.

► The Board continued the public hearing from June 26th on the petition by Tim Smith to abandon a portion of Front Street. Tim stated the sewer line starts at his block and spreads out to the outer portion of Corvallis. Tim stated the system was abandoned the next block over from his residence and he would like more time to bring forth other citizens concerns who live along this sewer corridor and do not want their front doors blocked by any sewer construction as their ingress and egress are right on the proposed abandonment. Sidewalks and other encroachments are right on the proposed abandonment. There are dozens of trees, landscaping and wells on this section of proposed abandonment. He stated if the sewer district is looking for easements to install sewer, why are they asking for more than 39' when the City of Hamilton only asks for 20'. He stated he would like more time to investigate the human impact for allowing this abandonment. Commissioner Chilcott asked Tim if he knew the easement was there when he purchased his property. Tim stated he was shown a fence line by the realtor and thought the previous abandonment (in 1928) went the full length of the street. He stated if the sewer district were to tear this up and store their dirt while the work is occurring, it would be invasive to his property.

Chuck McRae of the Corvallis Sewer stated the District may need to install a water system sometime in the future. He stated they have not abandoned the waterway from the restaurant Memories to the bank as it can be utilized in the future. He stated they are trying to look to the future but are five years behind of their needs. They do not want to

remove anyone's well, or remove a tree, but a tree can be replanted. They do not want to take any land or use land that belongs to anyone else.

Roger DeHaan, Engineer for Corvallis Sewer and Water District stated it is not a good idea to give an easement away. He stated this is nothing personal against Tim Smith, but if the neighbors have use of a county easement then the best way to resolve the issue is to enter into a 10-year lease with the residents which would allow them to have their flowers etc. However, an easement should be left alone in case it is ever needed.

Tim stated he has asked Surveyor George Marshall to look at the next block over from this location. Tim stated the district is not looking at the personal properties who utilize the easement as ingress, egress, landscaping etc., and Tim feels 39' is sufficient for their district. A lease is not a good idea because the Corvallis Condos use this easement to get in and out of their doors. Since they are not homeowners they could not sign the petition, the condo owners were the only ones to sign the petition. He stated this is the only easement left to be abandoned in the area.

Barry Axtell of the Sewer District stated it only takes two-three days to do the work if needed, and the people would need this work for the use of their homes.

Commissioner Driscoll stated when she sold real estate, easements are made known to the buyer and it is on the title company report. She feels easements are important for the infrastructure to the Town of Corvallis. She stated there will be more growth in the Corvallis area and it is important to protect the infrastructure.

Commissioner Chilcott stated this street was platted in 1879. The taxpayers own this. He asked what happened to the other 20-30'. Tim stated it was abandoned and George is addressing this background. This is the one single holdout for abandoned easements. Commissioner Chilcott asked if the easement would store dirt when work is being done, when it is for transportation. Barry stated the dirt or spoils would simply be placed there during the construction period of two-three days.

Chuck stated they are having problems with the real estate agents not telling the buyers about the easements. Currently they are trying to locate these easements, man holes etc. on the plat maps.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to continue this meeting until July 21st at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Rokosch seconded the motion and all voted "aye".